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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: GROUP ART UNIT: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: New Continuation Application

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: EXAMINER: Unassigned

FOR IMAGE SYSTEM, SOLID-STATE:

IMAGING SEMICONDUCTOR...

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before the first line, insert:

--This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/022,339, filed February 11, 1998, which has been abandoned, which is a continuation of PCT/JP96/02285, filed August 12, 1996, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.--

# IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-6, 8-35 and 39-66 without prejudice.

## **REMARKS**

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. The present application is a continuation of application Serial No., 09/022,339, which has been